

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9, 11-14 & 16-19 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for electronically publishing an organization's a buyer's requirements in an electronic publication that provides vendors with information needed to do business with the organization ~~the buyer~~ and that can create individual lines of communication between the organization ~~the buyer~~ and the vendors, wherein the method reduces an amount of paperwork and time required for the organization ~~the buyer~~ to conduct business transactions with the vendors over traditional methods, the present method comprising the steps of:

categorizing the organization's ~~the buyer's~~ requirements into categories that are easily recognizable to the vendors, wherein each category includes one or more items required by the organization ~~the buyer~~, and further wherein an item is a product or service required by the organization ~~the buyer~~;

electronically publishing the organization's ~~the buyer's~~ requirements, wherein each item within the categories includes a name, a description, a contact person and one or more relevant dates, wherein a name of the contact person is presented as a hyperlink to an e-mail account of the contact person;

posting all forms and information necessary for the vendors to conduct business with the organization ~~the buyer~~, including requests for information, quotes and proposals, in a format that allows editing of the forms by the vendors and submission of an edited form to the organization ~~the buyer~~ electronically; and,

creating a registration section that allows the vendors to register with the organization ~~the buyer~~, wherein after registration the vendors can receive electronic notifications concerning any item specified by the vendors during registration; wherein the organization's ~~the buyer's~~ requirements, the forms and information necessary to conduct business with the organization ~~the buyer~~, and the registration section are included in the electronic publication.

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